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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA PRESS CLUB SPEECH

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF FONMIN MIYAZAWA'S JULY 10 TOKYO FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT'S CLUB SPEECH. WE CARRY IT BECAUSE FONOFF MADE SPECIALPOINT OF TELLING EMBASSY THE SPEECH WAS WRITTEN IN PART AS MIYAZAWA'S REPLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JAPAN SOCEITY SPEECH. PLANNING DIV DIR MATANO CALLED DCM TO STRESS THIS POINT AND TO DESCRIBE AS OUTLINE OF WHAT
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JAPAN COULD USEFULLY DO IN THE POST-VIETNAM SITUATION. HE HOPED THAT STRONG EMPHASIS IN MIYAZAWA'S REMARKS ON CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND JAPAN WAS CLEAR AN REITERATED THE FONMIN'S DESIREFOR A DEEP AND

CONTINUING DIALOGUE AT ALL LEVELS. MATANO DESCRIBED AS "SOMETHING NEW" THE FORMULATION IN THE SPEECH OF JAPAN'S THREE OBJECTIVES IN ASIA (MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA; SECURE STABLE RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND USSR, AND DEEPEN RELATIONS WITH SEA NATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO STABILITY IN REGION BY HELPING THEM ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE). IN CONCLUSION, MATANO EMPHASIZED JAPAN'S EXPECTATIONS FOR A CONTINUED US ROLE IN ASIA. WHATEVER JAPAN DOES, IT IS COUNTING ON A CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. END CONFIDENTIAL. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

2. FULL TEXT OF SPEECH AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: MR. CHAIRMAN, EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU HERE TODAY. YOU CLUB, SERVING AS A WINDOW THROUGH WHICH THE WORLD CAN VIEW JAPAN, HAS PERFORMED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN INTERNATIONAL REPORTING, TO WHICH I PAY MY SINCERE RESPECTS.

THIRTY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE END OF THE WAR AND DURING THIS POSTWAR PERIOD, JAPAN HAS BEEN FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO ENJOY CONTINUED PEACE AND TO ACHIEVE TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC GROWTH, RECOVERING FROM THE RUINS LEFT BY THE WAR. NOW, ACTIVELY PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH PEOPLES IN ALL AREA OF THE WORLD, WE HAVE BECOME A STABILIZING FORCE INDISPENSABLE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO WORLD PEACE AND PROGRESS. IN THE LAST THREE DECADE, THE WORLD HAS UNDERGONE GREAT CHANGE: THE BASIC TREND OF WORLD POLITICS HAS SHIFTED FROM CONFRONTATION IN THE COLD WAR TO COEXISTENCE IN THE PROCESS OF DETENTE; MORE THAN 70 NEWLY INDEPENDENT NATIONS HAVE EMERGED IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AREA; 138 NATIONS ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS; AND THE SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY HAS COME TO THE FORE.

ESPECIALLY IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE INTERNATIONAL
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COMMUNITY HAS EXPERIENCED IN A BRIEF SPAN OF TIME A SERIES OF MOMENTOUS DEVELOPMENTS NEVER BEFORE WITNESSED IN HISTORY. IN ENTERING INTO THE LAST QUARTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY, JAPAN IS FACING REAUP OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FAR MORE

COMPLEX AND FAR MORE DIVERSE THAN EVER. RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES HAVE BECOME MORE DIVERSIFIED, MUCH CLOSER AND MORE INTERDEPENDENT.

MY COUNTRY HAS SUCCEEDED IN ITS HISTORIC EXPERIMENT OF TRYING TO SECURE PEACE BY LIMITING OUR SELF-DEFENSE FORCES TO A MINIMUM LEVEL, WHILE TRUSTING IN THE JUSTICE AND GOOD FAITH OF OTHER NATIONS, AND IN SO DOING HAS ACHIEVED A

DEGREE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH THE WORLD HAS SELDOM SEEN NO DOUBT, THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING JAPAN AND THE WISDOM OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE IN SELECTING THE COURSE THE NATION SHOULD FOLLOW. IN THIS RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE ON JOURNEY OF PEACE AS BASED UPON OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT JAPAN SHOULD SOLIDIFY FURTHER THE BASIS OF PEACE AND ITS OWN SECURITY AND INTENSIFY ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY.

THE BASIC MEASURES JAPAN HAS BEEN TAKING TO ENSURE PEACE AND SECURITY ARE TO MAINTAIN JAPAN-US SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BASED ON FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION SURROUNDING JAPAN, WHILE MAINTAINING A MINIMUM AND EFFECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE FORCE IN KEEPING WITH THE NATIONAL CONSENSUS.

THE FRIENDLY COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S JOURNEY OF PEACE. WITH CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES ARE IN A POSITION TO WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND FOR MANY COMMON ISSUES CONFRONTING MANKIND TODAY.

DESPITE STRIKING DIFFERENCES IN GEOGRAPHY HISTORY AND SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS, JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE
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CRATED AN EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP IN MANY FIELDS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CHANGING WORLD OF TODAY, WE REGARD CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AS A MATTER OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE AND DEPEND AN OPEN-HEARTED, CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS. I, THEREFORE, WELCOME THE REMARKS RECENTLY MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT IN THE COMING VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI TO THE UNITED STATES IN AUGUST,,,,, FULL AND FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

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BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF TWO COUNTRIES.

IN TAKING A HARD, COLD LOOK AT WORLD POLITICS TODAY,
WE REALIZE THAT THE MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE
WEST AND ALSO THE CLOSE COOPERATIVE RELATIONS AMONG THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES ARE INDISPENSABLE FOR THE PREVENTION OF LARGE-SCALE
MILITARY CONFRONTATIONS AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTER-

NATIONAL PEACE. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND IN THIS CONTEXT
THAT RECENT MOVES TOWARD DETENTE HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE
BECAUSE OF THIS EXISTING INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. THEREFORE,
WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN
JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES FOR SECURITY AND MUTUAL
COOPERATION, AS THEY ARE NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR THE SECURITY
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OF JAPAN BUT ALSO FOR THE STABILIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS.

THE SITUATION IN ASIA IS MARKED BY COMPLEXITY AND DIVERSITY
FOR GEOGRAPHIC, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, HISTORIC AND RELIGIOUS
REASONS. ASIA AS A WHOLE LACKS HOMOGENEITY AND THERE IS
LITTLE SUBSTANTIAL SENSE OF SOLIDARITY AMONG THE COUNTRIES IN
THE REGION. IT IS ALSO THE AREA WHERE THE INTERESTS OF
THE THREE BIG POWERS, THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND THE SOVIET
UNION, INTERSECT, AND THEIR MOVES HAVE EXTENSIVE BEARING
UPON THE SHAPING OF THE SITUATION IN THE AREA. RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES IN THE AREA AND THESE BIG POWERS
ALSO DIFFER FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY.

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, IF WE ARE TO ENSURE PEACE
AND SECURITY FOR JAPAN AND TO STABILIZE THE EAST ASIAN SITUATION

AS A WHOLE, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR JAPAN TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING THREE OBJECTIVES: FIRST, TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA WHICH IS SEPARATED FROM JAPAN ONLY BY A NARROW STRETCH OF WATER; SECOND, TO SECURE STABLE, HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH OUR TWO SOCIALIST NEIGHBORS, CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION; THIRD, TO DEEPEND FRIENDSHIP WITH THE COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND TO COOPERATE WITH THEM IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE, THEREBY CONTRIBUTING TO STABILITY IN THIS REGION.

IN TACKLING THESE THREE OBJECTIVES, WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE TO COOPERATE WITH OUR FRIENDS IN THE PACIFIC SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND ALSO WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES OF WESTERN EUROPE. IN PARTICULAR, COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. OVER THE PAST CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN ASIA AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT DESPITE ITS DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES IN INDOCHINA IN RECENT YEARS, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN A LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE FOR THE STABILITY AND PROGRESS OF ASIA.

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT BRIEFLY ON EACH OF THESE THREE OBJECTIVES I'VE JUST MENTIONED. THE SITUATION IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS NOT ONLY CONFIDENTIAL

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A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE, BUT IS ALSO CLOSELY LINKED WITH THE MOVES OF THE UNITED STATES, CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION. IN SHORT, DEVELOPMENTS ON THE PENINSULA MAY PRODUCE AN IMMEDIATE WORLDWIDE EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. JAPAN, FOR ITS PART, INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS POLICY OF STRENGTHENING AND DEEPENING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. AT THE SAME TIME, FOR THE COMMON CAUSE OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THIS REGION, WE CALL UPON BOTH THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH TO PROMPTLY REACTIVATE THE SPIRIT EMBODIED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF JULY 1972, TO RESUME THEIR SUBSTANTIAL TALKS AIMED AT PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION, AND IN THE INTERIM BEFORE REUNIFICATION, TO ENDEAVOR TO WORK OUT A STATE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. TO THESE ENDS, JAPAN IS PREPARED, IF NECESSARY IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES CONCERNED, TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE.

NEXT, I TURN TO CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION. BOTH COUNTRIES STAND TO EXERCISE GREAT INFLUENCE UPON THE FUTURE OF ASIA. ALTHOUGH WE DIFFER IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE AND DEVELOP HARMONIOUS RELATIONS WITH THESE TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE IN ASIA. WITH CHINA, WHICH HAS BEEN OUR CLOSE NEIGHBOR FROM ANCIENT TIMES, WE WILL STEADILY MAKE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP IN

ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND SPIRIT OF THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE OF SEPTEMBER 1972 WHEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES NORMALIZED
RELATIONS.

THE SOVIET UNION IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT NEIGHBOR FOR
JAPAN. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION
HAS IN RECENT YEARS MADE PROGRESS IN VARIOUS FIELDS. IN ORDER
TO PLACE OUR RELATIONSHIP ON A LASTING STABLE FOUNDATION,
IT IS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE A PEACE TREATY BY REALIZING THE RETURN
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES.

THIRDLY, LET ME TOUCH UPON SOUTHEAST ASIA. SINCE THE
NEW SITUATION AROSE IN INDOCHINA, THE JAPANESE PEOPLE
HAVE PAID CLOSER ATTENTION TO THE FUTURE OF SOUTHEAST
ASIA. WHILE THE WAR HAS ENDED IN INDOCHINA, MANY DIFFICULTIES
STILL REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE SOUTHEAST ASIA CAN ATTAIN
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LASTING STABILITY. THE EVENTS IN VIETNAM CLEARLY INDICATE
THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA IN THE YEARS TO COME, IT IS NECESSARY THAT EACH
COUNTRY IN THE REGION SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO ATTAIN POLITICAL

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STABILITY AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVELIHOOD OF ITS OWN PEOPLE BY TAKING THOSE MEASURES BEST SUITED TO ITS OWN NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND FURTHERMORE, THAT STABLE RELATIONSHIPS OF COEXISTENCE BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. RECOGNIZING THIS AS THE TREND OF HISTORY AND ALSO APPRECIATING THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS REGION FOR RECTIFYING THE INEQUALITY IN WEALTH AND THE DISPARITY OF INCOMES, WE INTEND TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND DEPEND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS ON A BROADER BASIS WITH THESE COUNTRIES. IN THIS ENDEAVOR, WE SEEK NOT ONLY TO STRENGTHEN FURTHER COOPERATION WITH THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE TRADITIONAL, FRIENDLY RELATIONS, BUT ALSO TO ESTABLISH STABLE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE COUNTRIES IN INDOCHINA INCLUDING NORTH VIETNAM,
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THAT FOLLOW DIFFERENT POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OUR JOURNEY OF PEACE, WE SHOULD NOT ONLY CONSIDER THE PEACE OF ASIA, BUT ALSO THE PEACE OF THE WORLD AT LARGE. PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN PARTICULAR, IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE. AS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR IN THE PAST, IT IS OUR SINCERE WISH THAT A FAIR AND JUST SOLUTION BE REACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND THE SELF-RESTRAINT OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED FOR REACHING THAT OBJECTIVE.

THE COMMON WISH OF ALL PEOPLES IS A WORLD AT PEACE, FREE FROM THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND TO COOPERATE SINCERELY FOR THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. THE NPT WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE DIET DURING THE LAST SESSION, DUE TO DIFFICULTIES IN THE LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE. I WOULD LIKE TO REAFFIRM, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE TREATY BY OBTAINING THE APPROVAL OF THE DIET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IN THE LAST 20 MONTHS, THE WORLD ECONOMY HAS UNDERGONE A TRANSFORMATION RARE IN HISTORY. THE OIL PROBLEM INTENSIFIED AND ACCELERATED THE INFLATION WHICH HAD BEEN ALREADY UNDER WAY IN MANY COUNTRIES. FURTHERMORE, A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ALSO SUFFERED A DETERIORATION IN THEIR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND WERE BESET BY SERIOUS RECESSION. THE WORLD ECONOMY NOW FACES STAGNATION AND SEVERE DISEQUILIBRIUM. IN THE WORLD OF TODAY WHERE ALL NATIONS HAVE BECOME SO HIGHLY INTERDEPENDENT, NO NATION IS EXEMPT FROM THE IMPACT OF SUCH CHANGES IN THE WORLD

ECONOMY.

IN THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, ALL NATIONS SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN ACHIEVING THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AS A WHOLE; TO SEEK PARTIAL INDIVIDUAL INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS WOULD EVENTUALLY RESULT IN HURTING ONE'S OWN INTERESTS. WE ALL MUST BE FULLY AWARE OF THIS.

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THE FOREGOING LEADS MY COUNTRY TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS ONLY THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION WITH ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED THAT WE CAN COPE WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OF TODAY AND OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS FOR TOMORROW. IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT JAPAN HAS SOUGHT TO FORMULATE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSIPS AND TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE OIL PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES. WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN WORKING TOWARD A PROMPT RE-OPENING OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT SUCH A RENEWED DIALOGUE WILL PRODUCE RESULTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOLUTION OF THE OIL AND ENERGY PROBLEMS. AT THE SAME TIME WE REGARD COOPERATION AMONG THE CONSUMING COUNTRIES AS AN IMPORTANT KEY IN ACHIEVING STABILIZATION OF THE WORLD OIL MARKET AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMON COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR OF THE MAJOR CONSUMERS.

IN A LARGER CONTEXT, JAPAN HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN JOINT EFFORTS RELATING TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AT LARGE, INCLUDING TRADE AND FINANCE. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE ROLE THE OECD HAS PLAYED IN THOSE FIELDS AND ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN, AND CONTRIBUTE TO, THE WORK OF THE OECD.

AS WE LOOK TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY, WE REALIZE THAT AN EVER-INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THE CURRENT HISTORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS THE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS A WHOLE TO ESTABLISH HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND THE DEVELOPING NATIONS AND ALSO TO ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE THE PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOOD AND PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE GAINED REMARKABLY INCREASED POWER IN THIS CHANGING WORLD. THEIR ASSERTIONS AND ACTIONS BASED ON THEIR SENSE OF SOLIDARITY HAVE HAD A GREAT IMPACT UPON BOTH WORLD POLITICS AND THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. THE PROBLEMS THESE COUNTRIES ARE TACKLING ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. THE PROBLEMS THESE COUNTRIES ARE TACKLING VARY FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, BUT THEY ALL ARE EARNESTLY STRIVING TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM FROM STAGNATION AND POVERTY AND IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL STATUS. WHAT IS NEEDED MOST IN THIS CONTEXT IS THAT THE ECONOMIC

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY THAT CAN SUPPORT THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. WE, AS A NATION WHICH

HAS EXPERIENCED IN ITS OWN HISTORY A RAPID PROCESS OF MODERNIZATION DESPITE VARIOUS LIMITATIONS, HAVE A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEREFORE, WE INTEND TO FURTHER PROMOTE OUR COOPERATION WITH THESE COUNTRIES AS ONE OF THE IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES IN OUR DIPLOMACY.

IN MY DRAFT OUTLINE, THESE ARE THE BASIC THEMES OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY IN THE CURRENT WORLD. LET ME STRESS HERE AGAIN OUR FIRM RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE OUR JOURNEY OF PEACE.

IN CLOSING, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WILL EXTEND TO JAPAN THEIR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING SO THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH OUR JOURNEY TO THE STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. END QUOTE.
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